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receipt of a first Action on-the-merits.

Applicants note that a copy of the present Amendment was originally filed on February 22, 2002. However, according to the PTO, that copy was not successfully matched with the present application. Applicants request, therefore, that the present copy serve as the official copy of the present Amendment and that the PTO ignore the copy mailed February 22, 2002.

In the Description

Please delete the paragraph added by the first Preliminary Amendment, filed February 19, 2002, (if already added to the specification, the paragraph starting at page 1, line 3) and add the following paragraph before the heading "Field of the Invention".

--This is a U.S. national stage application based on international Application No. PCT/CA00/00966, filed August 18, 2000, which claims priority to U.S. provisional Application No. 60/149,466, filed August 19, 1999, and to U.S. provisional Application No. 60/159,122, filed October 13, 1999.--

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REMARKS

The above amendment has been made to correct a clerical error made in a first Preliminary Amendment, filed February 19, 2002. In that Amendment, the present application was misidentified as being a continuation-in-part of international Application No. PCT/CA00/00966 when, in fact, it is a national stage application based thereon with no new matter added. Applicants confirm that no new matter